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TITLE	STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS WITH EVENT NOTIFICATION CONFLICT RESOLUTION		

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final fifth office action in the above case dated April 15, 2008 ("Fifth Office Action") in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants have requested a phone interview with the Examiner to discuss the rejection, which Examiner granted subsequent to this response on July 24, 2008. Applicants cancel non-method claims 1-9, 24, 26, and 28, add claims 30 and 31, and amend claims to further distinguish over the cited art. Applicants submit that all pending claims 10-23, 25, 27, and 29-31 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.